

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1586 - HB 2083

March 30, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Transfers jurisdiction of Big Cypress State Natural Area from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to the Department of Environment and Conservation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$200,000/One-Time/
Wildlife Fund**

Other Fiscal Impact – There would be a shift of expenditures from the TWRA to the Department of Environment and Conservation related to the management costs related to maintaining the area. Such shift could be handled utilizing existing resources of the department therefore is estimated to be not significant.

Assumption:

- TWRA assumed jurisdiction of this area from the Department of Environment and Conservation several years ago. Since that time, TWRA has built several structures on the property for uses including storage of equipment, rearing of seedlings and office space for four TWRA employees. This note assumes that such structures could not continue to be utilized by TWRA and that the cost of replacing such structures on other TWRA lands would be approximately \$200,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director